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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

No. 1

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and ors.

- AGAINST -

ARAKI, SADAQ, and ors.

I, ALEXANDER HEREDITH, of Sydney in the State of New South Wales, make oath and say as follows:-

1. I was an engineer officer on H.V. Hauraki which was captured by the Japanese in the Indian Ocean on 12 July 1942.
2. I arrived at Camp D1 Yokohama in January 1943. There were approximately 500 prisoners there. Conditions were very bad; more than 50 per cent were sick mostly with dysentery and malaria. Later beri beri developed.
3. We were employed in the Yokohama Mitsubishi Shipyards as maintenance fitters. We left for work at 6.30 a.m. and got back to camp about 5 p.m. each day. Sick men were forced to work and in the first 3 or 4 months 45 men died from pneumonia and malnutrition. With adequate medical supplies, proper food and clothing and medical treatment these men would not have died.
4. Food was at all times inadequate and in the summer of 1943 the meagre rations were reduced by about one half. The result was that beri beri became prevalent and practically everyone suffered from malnutrition.
5. Bashings were frequent and on many occasions we were made to stand up after work for periods of one hour to four hours. Sick men were beaten; on some occasions they were dragged from their bunks and beaten with fists and rifle butts. One American who was ill and had been beaten by the Japanese guards died about 2 days later.

Sworn before me at Sydney
on the fifth day of September 1946.

/s/ A. Meredith

/s/ A.J. Mansfield
Judge of Supreme Court of Queensland.

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証人第八一〇四

私、「ニュー・サウス・ウエルズ」「シドニー」市、「アレクザンダー・メレデス」へ電話シ次ノ如ク稟通ス。

「私ハ一九四二年七月十二日即ち海上予日返ニヨリ拿捕サレタ。V、「ペララキ」ノ機内ヲ乗リテアツタ。

「私ハ一九四三年一月に濱田城管所ニ到着シタ。其處ニハ約五〇〇名ノ住シガタ。状況ハ甚信ニ悪カツタ。五〇メートル以上ガ主トシテ赤痢ト「マラリヤ」トニ罹ツテタ。後ニナツテカラ野果ガ食ヒシタ。

「私通ハ叔濱三義造船所ニ電信修理工トシテ仕ヘレタ。私通ハ毎日午前六時三十分仕事ニ行キ午後五時戻ル所ニ付ツタ。患者モ無量ニ付カサレテ、最初ノ三、四ヶ月ノ内ニ、四十五人ガ肺炎ト栄養不良ノ爲死シタ。通信ナシ。煤油ヤ通信テ衣食ト治療ガアツタナラ此等ノ者ハ死ナ、カヅタデアラワ。

「私通ハ毎日五分テ、九三ノ電ヲ受シ

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カツカ肥満ガ病半分ニ減ラサレタ。ソノ結果
胃氣ガ流行シタリ、殆ンド凡テガ栄養不良ニ
罹ツテ居タ。

ニ 腹打ハ戻スアツタ。ソシテ多クノ場合私達ハ
仕事ノ後デ一時間カラ四時間モ立タサレタ。
病人ハ腹打サレタ。或ル時ハ彼等ハ病床カラ
ヒキズリ出サレテ拳ヤ銃床デ腹ラレタ。或ル
病氣ノアメリカ人ハ日云ノ衛兵ニ腹打サレテ
約二日罹ツテ死亡シタ。